

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that as a result of this arrangement there is now over-crowding in the reduced number of boats and many passengers are compelled to postpone or cancel their journeys undertaken for essential purposes;

(c) whether Government have received requests from the public to increase the number of service boats in the line by making adequate arrangements with the oil companies for the supply of crude oil and petrol to the boat owners direct from companies concerned instead of through their agents;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the first portion dealing with the above subject of an article published on page 6 of the "Sahodaran" newspaper in its issue dated 24th June 1944 and the leaderete, on the subject published in the same issue of that paper?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) Consequent on the shortage of crude oil supply, it was necessary to curtail timings of motor boats. The service to Kottapuram was in this connection reduced from 21 to 10.

(b) A few cases of over-crowding have come to notice. Government are aware that there is some inconvenience to passengers.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Achuthan (Ezhuvas-Trichur): In answer to sub-division (c) may I know what action has been taken by the Government regarding this matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): There was necessity to curtail the consumption of crude oil and we were advised that this is a matter of urgent importance. Steps were then taken to reduce the extent of boat traffic by one half. The number of boats to Kottapuram was 21 and this was reduced to 10. Similar reductions have been made in the case of boats going to Travancore waters also. Formerly as a matter of fact the motor boat services were running at a loss on account of very severe competition. Services were much more than necessary and their reduction has resulted in some salutary condition in the case of the service.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Rural): What has the Government done to lessen the inconvenience?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): We have all to put up with some inconvenience on account of the conditions prevailing. Since it was necessary to curtail the expenditure on crude oil, this process had to be taken.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan (Ezhuvas-Thalappalli): May I know whether crude oil is issued by the company or through agents?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): Through the accredited agents of the oil company.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): May I know whether the company cannot supply direct?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): That cannot be done. These companies have got their agents and if there is any complaint regarding the service done by the agents it is open to the public to make representations either to the company direct or to their Inspectors.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan (Ezhuvas-Trichur): May I know whether any such representations has been received?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): I have heard about that. But I have not received any official representations.

KATTUR THAZHEKKAT BAZAAR ROAD—REPAIRS TO

146. **Mr. George Panikulam (Irinjalakkuda):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Kattur Thazhekkat Bazaar road is the most important road with very heavy traffic in the whole of the Kattur constituency;

(b) whether the Government will be pleased immediately to order granite-metalling for this road which covers only about a mile?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) & (b) This is a gravel road and is in a fair condition now.— There is no necessity to granite-metal it now.

Mr. George Panikulam (Irinjalakkuda): Does the Hon'ble Member know that there is a portion of the Parayankadavu road from the turning point of Thazhakkat Bazaar Road reaching up to the bridge and covering 4 or 5 furlongs. That is the portion beyond the meeting of 4 roads where the Thazhakkat Bazaar road starts.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): Is it not the embarkment portion.

Mr. George Panikulam (Irinjalakkuda): Is that portion in granite metal.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): Yes, it is.

Mr. George Panikulam (Irinjalakkuda): Does the Hon'ble Member know that that portion has not to bear any traffic. Traffic goes from the turning point up to the Thazhakkat landing place. I want to make out that there is no necessity for the granite metalling of the road and that it can be diverted to the other portion of the road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): I shall look into that. The Parayankadavu road.

SERVICE OF MESSRS. C. SANKARA MENON AND V. C. KRISHNA MENON

147. Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the periods of service of Messrs. C. Sankara Menon and V. C. Krishna Menon;

(b) the number of years each of these officers have been District Munsiffs?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts): (a) & (b) The information is given below.—

Name	Continuous service in the State	Service as District Munsiff including Registrar
	1—12—1119	1—12—1119
Mr. C. Sankara Menon	22 years 10 months 25 days	14 years 2 months 23 days
„ V. C. Krishna Menon	24 years 7 months 26 days	12 years 7 months 12 days

COMPOUNDERS OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—PETITION FROM

148. Mr. K. S. Panicker (Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):

(എ) അലോപ്പതി ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റിന്റെ കമ്പൗണ്ടർമാരുടെ അപേക്ഷകൾ ചീഫ് മെഡിക്കൽ ഓഫീസർ കീട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) അവർ ഓരോരുത്തരുടേയും അപേക്ഷയുടെ രത്നമുദ്രകൾ എന്തെല്ലാം?

Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):

(എ) and (ബി) എന്തിനുള്ള അപേക്ഷകളാണെന്ന് വിശദമല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിക്കിട്ടണമെന്നുള്ള അപേക്ഷകൾ ഈ അടുത്ത അവസരത്തിൽ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗീസ്: ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എത്ര വീതം ശമ്പളം കിട്ടണമെന്നാണ് അപേക്ഷയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത്?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗീസ്: നോട്ടീസുവേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ഈച്ചരമേനോൻ: നേഴ്സുമാരുടെ ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിയപ്പോൾ ഇവരുടെ കാളം എന്താണ് ആലോചിക്കാത്തത്?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer): I don't think it was necessary to consider the question of raising the pay of the compounders along with the raising of the pay of the nurses.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: നേഴ്സുമാരുടെ ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഡോക്ടർ ടി. വർഗീസ്: ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ആദ്യം കമ്പൗണ്ടർമാരുടെയും നേഴ്സുമാരുടെയും ശമ്പളം ഒരേതരത്തിലായിരുന്നില്ലേ?